(a) whether there has been war between the Telecom Regulatory Authority and private cellphone companies which has virtually crippled functioning of cellphones in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the TRAI issued a show cause notice to mobile service operators for defying the directive issued on the provision of interconnection facilities to telecom operators providing limited mobility;

(d) if so, whether he had to intervene in settling this issue; and

(e) if so, to what extent the problem has been solved?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) above.

(c) Yes, Sir. Since the cellular operators did not comply with the directive of Telecom Regulatory Authority of India within the prescribed time period, show cause notices were issued by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India to them asking the reasons for non-compliance.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The functioning of basic as well as cellular mobile networks has been restored.

Setting up of a nuclear power plant in A.P.

*51. DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Nagarjuna Sagar and Kavvada in Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh were identified as possible sites for establishing nuclear power station for generating nuclear power for the State;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when Government propose to establish nuclear power station in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Nagarjuna

Sagar in Andhra Pradesh was investigated in the year 1994 by the Site Selection Committee (SSC) of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE). This site could not be pursued due to difficulties on account of environmental clearance. Kovvada in Srikakulam District of Andhra Pradesh is among the sites investigated and assessed by the present SSC of DAE.

No decision has so far been taken by the Government regarding new sites for setting up future nuclear power reactors. At present, nuclear power projects have been taken up at sites for which clearances have already been obtained. The Site Selection Committee constituted by the Department of Atomic Energy is also evaluating new sites for setting up nuclear power stations, at a future date, in different regions of the country, including Andhra Pradesh. The setting up of a nuclear power plant in any region depends upon different energy options available to the region, availability of suitable site, future nuclear power programme and availability of financial resources.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Sending abroad of CBI personnel

†182. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several CBI personnel were sent abroad to extradite the criminals wanted by India during the last three years; and

(b) the number of criminals extradited of India during the above said period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION, MINISTRY OF PLANNING, DEPARTMENT OF SPACE AND DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.Three persons were extradited to India in the last three years.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.